

# REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 15 February 2002  
 Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.  
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Video Wholesalers Ltd  
 Title of Publication: Ben Dovers Cheek Mates  
 Other Known Titles: Ben Dover's Cheek Mates  
 Director: Steve Perry  
 Producer: Not Stated  
 Publisher: Not Applicable  
 Author: Not Applicable  
 Format: DVD  
 Country of Origin: USA  
 Language: English

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## Components of film originally examined:

Menu: Play Movie  
 Jump To A Scene  
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Feature: Ben Dovers Cheek Mates Running time: 142.30

Other Moving  
 Components: Copyright Warning Notice Running time: 0.05  
 Documentation Of Records Notice 0.05  
 VCA Interactive Notice 0.05  
 XXX-Tra 15.28

Non Moving  
 Components: Ben Dover's Royal Heinions  
 Ben Dover's Foxy Ladies  
 Ben Dover's Eager Beavers  
 Contact  
 Photos

Total Running time: 158.13

Excision/Alteration: No Excisions Recommended.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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**SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:**

The publication *Ben Dovers Cheek Mates* is classified as:  
Objectionable.

The DVD contains conduct and depictions which are of a highly degrading and dehumanising nature. The conduct takes the form of derogatory comments about women. There is also inconsiderate sexual behaviour directed at women including ejaculating over their faces and sustained, unduly vigorous sexual intercourse. This conduct occurs within a context where the director and other males cajole women into engaging in sexual activity with them. To legitimize the calculating manner in which they do this, which is intended to be entertaining and amusing to male viewers, at the expense of the dignity of the women concerned, is degrading and dehumanising to women in general. The manner in which the above conduct is depicted, with sustained close focus upon female genitals and ejaculate-covered faces, degrades and dehumanises the females concerned to a high degree.

The extent, degree and manner in which the publication deals with the above matters has been considered under s3(3)(a)(iii) and s3(3)(c) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993, and found to be such that its availability is considered likely to be injurious to the public good.

If excisions were made to the above content then a lesser restriction, that of objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years, would be sufficient to prevent such injury. Due to the DVD format of the publication excisions are not offered. The Classification Office has been advised that distributors are unable to excise DVDs in New Zealand. Consequently the classification of objectionable represents the minimum interference with the freedom of expression, as provided for under the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, consistent with preventing likely injury to the public good.

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